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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Anticipated Classification of
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PRIOR APPLICATION: ✓
Serial No.: 07/980,354
Filing Date: 11/23/92
Examiner: D. Kenealy
Art Unit: 3301

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

FILE WRAPPER CONTINUING APPLICATION (FWC)

- WARNING: This form cannot be used where the parent case may not be abandoned since the filing of a request under the FWC procedure "will be considered to be a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date granted to the continuing application." 37 CFR 1.62(g).
- WARNING: This procedure can only be used for a pending application prior to payment of the issue fee. (37 CFR 1.62(a) except if the parent application was withdrawn under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5) "to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97 in a continuing application." See Notice of January 9, 1992 (1135 O.G. 13-25 at 21.)
- WARNING: The filing of an application as the United States stage of an international application requires an oath or declaration. 37 CFR 1.61(a)(4).
- WARNING: The claims of this new application may be finally rejected in the first Office action where all claims of the new application are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application and would have been properly finally rejected on the grounds or art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application. MPEP § 706.07(b).
- WARNING: An application under 37 CFR 1.62 is filed by making changes by amendment to the prior application, 37 CFR 1.62(a), and not by filing a new application.
- WARNING: Filing under 37 CFR 1.62 is permitted only if filed by the same or less than all of the inventors named in the prior application.

I. REQUEST FOR FWC APPLICATION

This is a request for a filing under the file wrapper continuing application procedure, 37 CFR 1.62, for a (check one):

☒ continuation

APPROVED ☐ divisional

for
PTO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE
ACCOUNT # 04-1700

continuation-in-part (for oath or declaration see
III below)

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DUNLAP & CODDING, P.C.

EXPRESS MAIL NO. TB748174790US DATE OF DEPOSIT May 26, 1995

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Velena Strudgeon
Name of Depositor

Velena Strudgeon
Signature

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[] attached is an amendment for added subject matter

[] continuing application to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97.

WARNING:

The filing date under 37 CFR 1.62(a) is "... the date on which a request is filed for an application ... including identification of the serial Number, filing date and applicant's name of the prior application." The prior application under 37 CFR 1.62(a) must be "... a prior complete application." According to 37 CFR 1.51(a) a prior complete application comprises: (1) a specification, including a claim or claims, (2) a declaration, (3) drawings, when necessary and (4) the prescribed filing fee. Accordingly, as presently worded, 37 CFR 1.62 does not permit the FWC procedure to be used where the prior application is pending but only the processing and retention fee required by 37 CFR 1.21(1) is paid.

PARTICULARS OF PRIOR APPLICATION

- A. Application Serial No. 07/980,354 was filed November 23, 1992.
- B. The title of the application (as originally filed and as last amended) was KISSING SHIELD AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF.
- C. The name(s) of the applicant(s) as originally filed and as last amended and current correspondence address of applicant(s):

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Full Name of Inventor | Family Name | First Given Name | Second Given Name |
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|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2. Full Name of Inventor | Family Name | First Given Name | Second Given Name |
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| Residence & Citizenship | City | State or Country | Citizenship |
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| Post Office Address | P.O. Address | City | State/Zip/Country |
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| 3. Full Name of Inventor | Family Name | First Given Name | Second Given Name |
| Residence & Citizenship | City | State or Country | Citizenship |
| Post Office Address | P.O. Address | City | State/Zip/Country |

[] Continued on added page for Inventor's Data.

The above identified application in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of (other than where the above identified application was abandoned under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5) to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97), or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 CFR 1.62 application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the PTO may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

II. INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

NOTE: "If the continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application is filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application a statement **must** accompany the application when filed requesting deletion of the names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in the continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application." 37 CFR 1.62(a) [emphasis added].

NOTE: "In the case of a continuation-in-part application which adds and claims additional disclosure by amendment, an oath or declaration as required by § 1.63 must be filed. In those situations where a new oath or declaration is required due to additional subject matter being claimed, additional inventors may be named in the continuation application. In a continuation or divisional application which discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in a prior application, no additional oath or declaration is required and the application must name as inventors the same or less than all the inventors in the prior application." 37 CFR 1.60(c).

(complete applicable item (a), (b) and/or (c) below)

(a) [X] This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above and the inventor(s) in this application is (are) (check one):

[X] the same

- ☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)

- (b) ☐ This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application whose particulars are set out above, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) (check one):

☐ the same

☐ add the following additional inventor(s)

(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be added)

- (c) The inventorship for all the claims in this application is (check one):

☒ the same

☐ not the same, and an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted herewith.

III. DECLARATION OR OATH

- A. Continuation or divisional

☒ none required

- B. Continuation-in-part

☐ attached

executed by (check all applicable items)

☐ inventor(s).

☐ legal representative of inventor(s). 37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43.

- ☐ joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest for inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached. 37 CFR 1.47.
- ☐ This is the petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is also attached. (See item VIII below for fee.)
- ☐ Not attached.
- ☐ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of all of the above named applicant(s). (The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), can be filed subsequently.)
- ☐ showing that the filing is authorized. (Not required unless called into question. 37 CFR 1.41(d).)

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTION

WARNING:

"The claims of a new application may be finally rejected in the first Office action in those situations where (1) the new application is a continuing application of, or a substitute for, an earlier application, and (2) all the claims of the new application (a) are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application, and (b) would have been properly finally rejected on the grounds of art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application." MPEP, § 706.07(b).

- ☒ The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of (check one):
 - ☒ attached preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ the unentered amendment filed under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior application, which is now repeated.
 - ☐ the claims as on file in the prior application.

V. FEE CALCULATION (37 CFR 1.16)

NOTE: The filing fee for a continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application is based on the number of claims remaining in the application after entry of any preliminary amendment and entry of any amendments under 37 CFR 1.116 unentered in the prior application which is requested to be entered in this FWC application. 37 CFR 1.62.

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

| | Number Filed | | | | Number Extra | | Rate | Basic Fee | \$730.00 |
|--|--------------|---|----|---|--------------|---|----------|-----------|----------|
| Total | 24 | - | 20 | = | 4 | x | \$22.00 | = | 88.00 |
| Ind. | 3 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$76.00 | = | 0.00 |
| Multiple dependent claim(s), if any | | | | | 0 | x | \$240.00 | = | 0.00 |

☐ The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation

\$ 818.00

NOTE: If the fees for extra claims are not paid on filing they must be paid or the claims cancelled by amendment, prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the Patent and Trademark office in any notice of fee deficiency. 37 CFR 1.16(d).

VI. PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION FOR THE TIME NECESSARY TO FILE AN AMENDMENT

NOTE: Where it is possible that the claims on file will give rise to a first action final for this continuation application and for some reason an amendment cannot be filed promptly (e.g., experimental data is being gathered) it may be desirable to file a petition for suspension of prosecution for the time necessary.

(check the next item, if applicable)

☐ There is provided herewith a Petition to Suspend Prosecution For the Time Necessary to File An Amendment (new application filed concurrently).

VII. SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT (check one)

☐ A verified statement that this is a filing by a small entity is attached.

☒ The small entity statement was filed in the parent application Serial No. 07/589,371 on September 28, 1990, and this status is still proper and its benefit under 37 CFR 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

Filing fee calculation (50% of above)

\$ 409.00

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(a) states "Status as a small entity must be specifically established by a verified statement filed in each application or patent in which the status is available and desired, except those applications filed under § 1.60 or § 1.62 of this part where the status as a small entity has been established in a parent application and is still proper."

The last sentence of 37 CFR 1.28(a) states: "Applications filed under § 1.60 or § 1.62 of this part must include a reference to a verified statement in a parent application if status as a small entity is still proper and desired."

Any excess of the full fee paid will be refunded if a verified statement and a refund request are filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a full fee, then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. 37 CFR 1.28(a).

VIII. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

Not attached

☒ No filing fee is submitted. (This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.)

Attached

☐ filing fee \$_____

☐ recording assignment (See item XIV below) \$_____

☐ petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person not the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.47 and 1.17(h)) \$_____

☐ processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)) \$_____

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) and this, as well as the changes to 37 CFR 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be timely paid or the processing and retention fee in § 1.21(l) must be paid within 1 year from the notification under § 1.53(d).

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$_____

IX. METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES

☐ attached is check in the amount of \$_____

☒ charge Acct. No. 04-1700 in the amount of \$ 409.00

☒ A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 CFR 1.22(b).

X. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

WARNING: If no fee payment is made at this time, this item should not be completed.

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claim charges are authorized.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 04-1700.

☒ 37 CFR 1.16 (a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

☒ 37 CFR 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims cancelled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 CFR 1.16(d)) it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

☐ 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

☐ 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

WARNING: While 37 CFR 1.17(a), (b), (c) and (d) deal with extensions of time under § 1.136(a) this authorization should be made only with the knowledge that "Submission of the appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is to no avail unless a request or petition for extension is filed" (emphasis added). Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

☐ 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b)).

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 CFR 1.311(b).

From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity. Notification of any change of status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application prior to, or at the time of, paying the issue fee. 37 CFR 1.28(b).

XI. INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OVERPAYMENT

☒ credit Account No. 04-1700

☐ refund

XII. PRIORITY - 35 U.S.C. 119

- ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____ filed on _____
(date) in _____ (country) is claimed under 35
U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ the certified copy has been filed on _____ in
prior U.S. application Serial No. _____, which prior
application was filed on _____.
- ☐ certified copy will follow.

XIII. RELATE BACK - 35 U.S.C. 120

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first
line the sentence:

"This is a (check one)

- ☒ continuation
☐ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part

Q of copending application(s)

- ☒ Serial No. 07/980,354 filed on November 23, 1992, which
is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No.
07/776,196 filed on October 15, 1991, now abandoned,
which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No.
07/589,371, filed September 28, 1990, now abandoned.
- , now abandoned*

- ☐ International Application _____ filed on _____
and which designated the U.S."

NOTE: The proper reference to a prior filed PCT application which entered the U.S. national phase in the U.S. serial number and the filing date of the PCT application which designated the U.S.

XIV. ASSIGNMENT

- ☒ none
- ☐ the prior application is assigned of record to _____
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to _____ is attached. A
separate "ASSIGNMENT COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT
APPLICATION" is also attached.

NOTE: "If an assignment is submitted with a new application, send two separate letters - one for the application and one for the assignment." Notice of May 4, 1990 (111 O.G. 77-78).

XV. POWER OF ATTORNEY

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Edward R. Weber, Reg. No. 25,940.

(Check one of the following)

- ☐ The power appears in the papers in the prior application S.N. _____.
- ☐ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on _____.
- ☒ A new power has been executed and is filed herewith.
- ☒ Address all future communications to:

1 John F. McPhail, Reg. No. 35,611
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(405) 478-5344

XVI. MAINTENANCE OF COPENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

(This item **must** be completed and the necessary papers filed in the prior application if the period set in the prior application has run)

- ☐ The prior application is presently pending. No extension of the term of the prior application is required.
- ☒ A petition, fee and response have been filed to extend the term in the pending **prior** application until May 29, 1995.

NOTE: The PTO finds it useful if a **copy** of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response is filed with the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

- ☒ A copy of the petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.

XVII. CONDITIONAL PETITIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN PRIOR APPLICATION

(complete this item and file conditional petition in prior application if previous item not applicable)

☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application.

NOTE: The PTO finds it useful if a **copy** of the petition filed in the prior application extending the term for response is filed with the papers constituting the filing of the continuation application. Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

☐ A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.

XVIII. ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION

☒ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted, and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application copending with said prior application. At the same time please add the words "now abandoned" to the amendment to the specification set forth in XIII above, after the words "filed on November 23, 1992."

NOTE: According to the Notice of May 13, 1983 (103, TMOG 6-7) the filing of a continuation or continuation-in-part application is a proper response with respect to a petition for extension of time or a petition to revive and should include the express abandonment of the prior application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

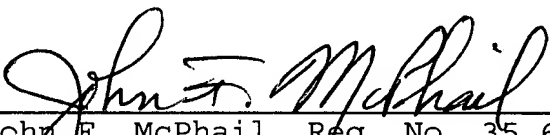
NOTE: "A registered attorney or agent acting under the provisions of § 1.34(a), or of record, may also expressly abandon a prior application as of the filing date granted to a continuing application when filing such a continuing application." 37 CFR 1.138.

XIX. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

☒ Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statements was filed in the parent application serial no. _____ on _____. No Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted with this FWC application.

Respectfully submitted,



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